

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claim 1, drawn to a material;

Group II, claims 2-10 and 12-15 drawn to a medical material comprising a biocompatible component bonded to a surface of a DLC film;

Group III, claim 11, drawn to a medical material for introducing a hydrophilic functional group to a surface of a DLC film; and

Group IV, claims 16-23, drawn to a material surface treating method.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 2-10 and 12-15.

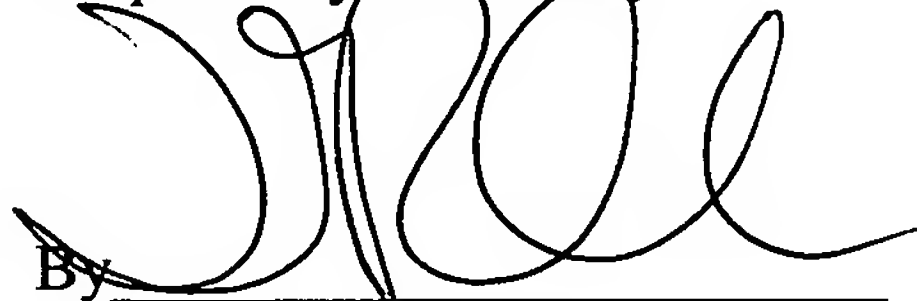
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson, Registration No. 40,439, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,



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